

**CITY OF RUSTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, May 3, 2016**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 7:03 PM Mayor Hopkins called the Regular Council Meeting to order. Councilmembers present were: Jim Hedrick, Jane Hunt, Lyle Hardin, and Deb Kristovich. Lynn Syler was excused. Following the flag salute, Mayor Hopkins called for approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the agenda, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0.

**MINUTES**

Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of April 19, 2016. with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0.

**STAFF REPORT** –

City Engineer – Jerry Morrissette – Nothing at this time.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** –

Mr. Maglione – Would like to install a Solar Energy System at his property address located at 4925 N. Highland Street. Mr. Maglione suggested the City of Ruston work with Tacoma to set up a buyback energy program.

Alex Cozine – Brothers Electric – Is working with Mr. Maglione to install a solar energy system at 4925 N Highland Street. Mr. Cozine wanted to know what his steps should be to begin the process. Mayor Hopkins instructed Mr. Cozine to email the Utility Clerk and Town Clerk with his inquiry to begin the preliminary research.

**BUSINESS**

Washington State Auditor's Office – Annual Report – Mayor Hopkins presented a high overview of the 2015 annual report. The report will be released to the Washington State Auditor's Office. Councilmember Hardin thanked Mayor Hopkins and BIAS for the work that was done on the annual report and noted he would like to see the report on a more regular basis.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL – Councilmember Hedrick moved to approve Claims and Payroll, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0.

**MAYOR'S TIME** – Mayor Hopkins addressed outstanding items and projects. Steve Taylor, Superintendent of Public Works will retire August 31, 2016. In preparation for this retirement the Mayor is reviewing staffing needs within the Public Works department. Mayor Hopkins was planning to meet with the City of Tacoma City Manager, Public Works Director and Planning Director to hold preliminary discussions regarding the possibility of the City of Tacoma taking over Ruston's sewer and storm system. There are pros and cons in doing this. Mayor Hopkins noted the City is doing well and thanked Council for all their hard work.

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**COUNCIL TIME –**

Councilmember Hedrick – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Hunt – Thanked Mayor Hopkins and Council for all the work that has been done.

Councilmember Hardin – Was sorry to hear that Edie Tallman is selling her house. Ms. Tallman has lived there for 45 years. Ms. Tallman is planning to move closer to her daughter in Seattle.

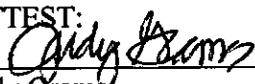
Councilmember Kristovich – Nothing at this time.

Councilmember Syler – Nothing at this time.

**MEETING AJOURNED -**

At 7:40 PM Councilmember Hedrick moved to adjourn, with a second from Councilmember Hunt, passed 4-0.

  
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Mayor Bruce Hopkins

ATTEST:  
  
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Judy Grams